



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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**FINAL RULE FOR MANURE APPLICATION TO SOYBEANS,
REFERRALS ON MARCH EPC AGENDA**

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DES MOINES – The final rule that would limit manure application on fields going into soybean production will be up for approval at the March 11 Environmental Protection Commission meeting.

If approved, the rule would limit nitrogen application to 100 pounds of available nitrogen per acre on fields that are planted to soybeans or where soybeans will be the next crop planted. For example, fall application would be limited for a field where soybeans are planned for spring planting in the following year.

The limit would apply to nitrogen coming from animals held in confinements and open feedlots that are required to submit manure or nutrient management plans.

In other action, commissioners will be asked to refer Equitable L.P. / The Equitable Condo, Sioux Pharm, Inc., and Oakland Foods, L.L.C. to the attorney general for violations of Iowa's environmental laws.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at the DNR Air Quality Building, 7900 Hickman Road in Urbandale. Public participation is scheduled for 10:30 a.m.

The complete agenda is as follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Director's Remarks
- Solid Waste Alternatives Program – Recommendations
- Regional Collection Center Establishment Grant – Contract Recommendation
- Contract – U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency, Aerial Photography Field Office (APFO) – 2008 Midsummer Iowa Orthophoto Project
- Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund – FY 2008 Intended Use Plans Fourth Quarter Updates
- Agreement - Department of Natural Resources and Iowa State University - Research on Use of Loans to Implement Agricultural Best Management Practice
- Final Rule and Small Business Regulatory Analysis – Chapter 65 – Amendments Regulating Liquid Manure/Settled Open Feedlot Effluent to Soybeans
- Referrals to the Attorney General
 - Equitable L.P. / The Equitable Condo (Des Moines) – Air Quality
 - Sioux Pharm, Inc. (Sioux County) – Wastewater
 - Oakland Foods, L.L.C. (Oakland) – Wastewater and Air Quality
- Proposed Contested Case Decision – University of Iowa
- Denial of Petition for Rulemaking - Filed by the Iowa Utility Association - Chapter 567-108 “Beneficial Use Determinations: Solid By-Products As Resources and Alternative Cover Material”
- Termination of rule making—Chapter 64, storm water fee increase
- Proposed Rule – Water Use & Allocation Permit Fees, Chapter 50: Scope of Division—Definitions—Forms—Rules of Practice
- Process for Approving Stream Use Designation Changes
- Air Quality - Title V Fee Budget Review
- Monthly Reports
- General Discussion
- Items for Next Month's Meeting
 - April 8 - Carroll
 - May 13 - Urbandale
 - June 10 – Urbandale
 - July 7-8 – Storm Lake

More information about the agenda items can be found on the DNR Web site under Commissions and Boards at www.iowadnr.gov.

The members of the commission are David Petty, chair, Eldora; Charlotte Hubbell, vice chair, Des Moines; Suzanne Morrow, secretary, Storm Lake; Henry Marquard, Muscatine; Ralph Klemme, LeMars; Susan Heathcote, Des Moines; and Paul Johnson, Decorah. The director of the DNR is Richard Leopold.

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LANDFILL RULES ACCEPT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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DES MOINES —The Iowa Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) landfill rules now accept public participation in permit issuance and post permit actions.

Public notice is required for permit issuance, renewals and requests for major facility modification. Major modifications include:

- Change in MSWLF (Municipal Solid Waste Landfills) boundary or unit
- Application for an RD&D (Research, Development and Demonstration) Permit
- Installation of a landfill gas collection system
- Application for a closure permit
- Transfer of permit to a new owner
- Variance from the rule
- Change in postclosure land use of property

As of February, draft determination and notices can be viewed on the DNR Web site for 30 days to receive written comments from the public at www.iowadnr.gov/waste/landfills/publicnotice.html.

Comments can also be sent to:

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Wallace State Office Building
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For more information on Iowa landfills rules, visit the DNR's waste management page on the Web site at www.iowadnr.gov/waste/policy/index.html